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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finow airfield between 15 December 1953 and 7 January 1954:

15 to 18 December. Source learned from acquaintances that there was air activity by swept-back jet fighters.

23 December. Except for the aircraft of the alert flight, no aircraft were observed at the field. Visibility was poor.

29 December. Between 9:45 a.m. and 10:20 a.m., 2 swept-back jet fighters were seen aloft over Eberswalde. Twenty to 25 minutes after the landing of these aircraft, other aircraft took off. There was a 2/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,500 meters and visibility of 2 to 3 kilometers.

6 January. At 12:30 p.m., a formation of swept-back jet fighters practiced flying. Within a few minutes, the aircraft climbed to an altitude that they were hardly visible. There were no clouds. The runway had presumably been cleared.

7 January. At 3:30 p.m., no air activity was observed. There was a closed ceiling. Four MiG-15s were observed in the dispersal area of the alert flight.

Truck proceeded to the field.

2. The following observations were made at the field between 25 December 1953 and 2 January 1954:

25 December. On the late morning, about 60 aircraft, probably MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s, were parked on the northern edge of the field. The four MiG-15s of the alert flight were marked by red Nos 2457, 2473, 2487, and 2491. Next to the alert aircraft, tank trucks were observed. Between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., there was no air activity.

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26 December. There was no flying between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. There was rain and snow. The MiG-15s of the alert flight were marked by Nos 1126, 1165, 1167, and 2472.

2 January. Between 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., there was no air activity. As usual, about 60 swept-back jet fighters were parked on the northern edge of the field. The aircraft of the alert flight were marked by red Nos 2424, 2482, 1209, and 1210. The latter number was not clearly identified. Tank truck [] was observed near the alert aircraft.

- [] 3. Between 1 and 8 January, light air activity by swept-back jet fighters was observed on two days. The runway was marked by fir trees.¹ Six x 37-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field.²

- 25X1 1. [] Comment. Finow airfield is believed to be occupied by the headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments equipped with a total of 60 to 65 MiG-15s. Aircraft Nos 1209, 1210 and 2491 are reported for the first time; all the other aircraft numbers mentioned were previously observed in Finow. The marking of the runway by small trees and branches, while the ground is covered by snow, was observed previously.

- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The AA gun emplacement was repeatedly observed.

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